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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A connecting bracket for use in a masonry anchor for connecting first and second spaced-apart walls defining a cavity therebetween, and comprising:

- (a) first and second laterally spaced-apart arms, each arm substantially straight; and having
- (b) a first connector positioned on an outwardly extending end portion thereof of the first arm, and a second connector positioned on an outwardly extending end portion of the second arm; and
- (bc) a cross-member extending between the first and second arms, said cross-member having a first end defining a first curve connecting to the first arm and a second end defining a second curve connecting to the second arm, the first and second arms extending substantially perpendicularly from the cross member and in a substantially similar direction, the cross member and the first and second arms being coplanar, and wherein the cross member has a third curve intermediate the first and second ends to define first and second spaced-apart welding contact points.

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Claim 2 (original): A connecting bracket according to claim 1, wherein said bracket comprises a single metal wire.

Claim 3 (original): A connecting bracket according to claim 1, wherein said first and second spaced-apart welding contact points are proximate opposite ends of said cross-member.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (canceled).

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Claim 7 (previously presented): A method for anchoring first and second spaced apart walls together to form a single wall structure comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a masonry anchor comprising:**
 - (1) an elongate support frame for being embedded in a mortar joint of said first wall,**
 - (2) a plurality of brackets carried by said support frame in spaced-apart relation along a length thereof in a common plane defined by the support frame and adapted for extending outwardly from the support frame into the cavity for connection to a like plurality of spaced-apart connecting members embedded in a mortar joint of the second wall and extending outwardly into the cavity therefrom, each of said plurality of brackets comprising:**
 - (i) first and second laterally spaced-apart arms, each arm having a connector on an outwardly extending end portion thereof for engaging a respective complimentary connector carried by each of the connecting members, and**
 - (ii) a cross-member extending between the first and second arms, said cross-member shaped to define a concavity in relation to the support frame and first and second spaced-apart welding**

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contact points where the bracket is welded to the support frame;

- (b) positioning the support frame on the mortar joint of the first wall;
- (c) engaging the connectors of each bracket with the respective complimentary connectors carried by each of the connecting members;
- (d) positioning the connecting members on a mortar joint of the second wall;
and
- (e) affixing the support frame to the first wall and affixing the connecting members to the second wall to form a single wall structure.

Claim 8 (original): A method for anchoring first and second spaced apart walls together according to claim 7, wherein the step of affixing the support frame to the first wall and affixing the connecting members to the second wall comprises depositing mortar on the mortar joints of said first and second walls.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A connecting bracket according to claim 1, wherein each of the connector on each of said first and second arms first and second connectors comprises an eye.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A connecting bracket according to claim 1, wherein the first and second arms are substantially parallel.

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Claim 11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (new): A connecting bracket according to claim 1, wherein the first and second connectors are coplanar with the first and second arms and the cross member.

Claim 13 (new): A connecting bracket according to claim 1, wherein the connecting bracket is substantially U-shaped.